Chairman Eve Johnson welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Solway Flower Club, and introduced our demonstrator Linda Fraser to do her demonstration entitled ‘Top Hats and Tales’.

Linda is noted for her ‘tales’ as she does her designs and chats about all sorts.

Her first design was to depict Strictly come Dancing and her favourite personality Brendan Cole.  She played the signature tune as she completed her arrangement using pink blossom, japonica, large pink carnations and roses, tiny gyp and sparkly streamers set inside a circle and the famous glitter ball hanging from the top.

Next was the music of Ground Force and thoughts of Alan Titchmarsh, using sprayed gold aspidistra leaves, pussy willow, various greenery, iris, aqua pink roses, pink lilies and Linda then hung the design on a wire mesh upright stand.

Linda used fashion boxes and crates and told fairy stories to fit in with her theme, and played ‘Sugar Plum Fairy’ music.

Other designs included many coloured flowers, peacock feathers, Easter eggs, seed heads sprayed leaves and crowns.

One of the designs depicted Music hall entertainment and top hat and suit of ‘Berlington  Bertie from Bow’ including two tiny top hats in the design.

Linda’s final arrangement told us about her visit to a Royal Garden Party and what she chose to wear, and the Band of the Royal Marines played the music of ‘Rule Britannia’.

All Linda’s arrangements were a fabulous show of colour.  President Margaret Hodgson gave the vote of thanks to Linda.

Before the raffle a special arrangement was chosen to send to Margaret McKenna, our Treasurer, who is not well at the moment.

Tea, coffee and biscuits followed the raffle.

Next month’s meeting is Hilary Porter with her theme ‘April Showers’ on the 19th April and everyone is welcome to join us for the evening.